THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, 24th August 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, the Deputy Speaker (SRI B. BHAKTHAVATSALU NAIDU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION.

Sub-Inspector of Police, Valapad.

* 11 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that several people have moved from Nattika Firka in Malabar district for fear of the continued harassment by the Sub-Inspector of Police, at Valapad; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information. Enquiries are being made."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN:—"Are the Government aware that this particular Sub-Inspector of Police Mr. Mohandas has been continuously harassing the people for the last two years and that complaints against him have been made by the President of the Malabar Pradesh Congress Committee, by Sri A. K. Gopalan, M.P., and by several M.L.As. and other people? And yet no action has been taken against him; he has not even been transferred. Is he shielded by the district officials and is it because one of his relatives is occupying a high post under the Government of India no action has been taken against him? His nephew is a Director in the Central Intelligence Bureau of the Government of India. People are living in terror and several of them are moving out of the firka. Will the Government be pleased to make enquiries into these facts not through police officials but through judicial or other officials and take necessary action so that the people in the area may live in peace?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"I am really surprised to hear that a Sub-Inspector of Police has got so much power as to make the people in a particular firka to move out of that firka and cause panic there. That gives a very poor opinion about the people residing in that area. After all, he is bound by rules. I do not think he is being shielded simply because he is related to some high official. As I have already stated, the matter is under enquiry."

(Sri P. K. Gopalakrishnan rose.)

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8-40 a.m. DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Minister says that it is under inquiry."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Several facts have to be brought forth in the inquiry. So, a half-hour debate may be allowed."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Let the Government get a full report from the concerned department. Then only I can consider to allow the debate."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Is the Hon. Minister in order when he says that he has got a poor opinion about the people of the place whereas the people of the place are very good and brave people. They have confidence in the Government and the representatives concerned. They were under the impression that the Government would come to their rescue and take proper action after hearing the representations of the people. It is only on account of that that the people are silent. Is the Hon. Minister in order in saying that he has got a very poor opinion of the people of the place? "

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" I cannot give my opinion about it."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Sir, a half-hour debate is necessary because the Ministers should know whatever happened there and then only the inquiry will be thorough. So, a half-hour debate should be allowed on this matter."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I would rather suggest that the hon. Members put in writing whether they have got to say. I shall certainly have it inquired into."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" On a point of order, Sir. The Hon. Minister has suggested that whatever things have to be stated may be put in writing and given to him. I have given at least three memoranda to the Hon. Minister for Finance addressed to him by name ' Sri C. Subramaniam '. I have not yet received any reply to them even now. He now wants that all things may be put in writing and given to him. I am afraid whether he will favour me with a reply."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I thought he had some fresh materials to give. If he refers only to the representations he has already made, I have already answered that the matter is under inquiry now."

Complaint against the Sub-Inspector of Police, Kozhikode.

* 2229 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any representation, dated 11th February 1955, from the chairman of a public meeting at Kozhikode, complaining against the Sub-Inspector of Police,